Request, and shall include a statement describing such authority.

- (4) Request to Appear. A Request to Intervene may include a Request to Appear before the Board of Directors in any meeting conducted under these procedures to consider a Petition. A Request to Appear shall be accompanied by a statement containing the information required by §907.10(d), and, in addition, setting forth the likely impact that intervention will have on the expeditious progress of the meeting. A Request to Appear shall be filed with the Secretary to the Board either with the Request to Intervene or at least 20 days prior to the meeting scheduled to consider the Petition.
- (5) Intervenor is bound. Any Request to Intervene shall include a statement that, if such leave to intervene is granted, the Intervenor shall be bound expressly by the Final Decision of the Board of Directors, as described in §907.13(b), subject only to judicial review or as otherwise provided by law.
- (b) Grounds for approval. The Managing Director may grant leave to intervene if the entity requesting intervention has complied with paragraph (a) of this section and, in the judgment of Managing Director:
- (1) The presence of the entity requesting intervention would not unduly prolong or otherwise prejudice the adjudication of the rights of the original parties; and
- (2) The entity requesting intervention may be adversely affected by a Final Decision on the Petition.

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§ 907.12 Finance Board procedures.

- (a) Notice of Receipt of Petition or Request to Intervene. No later than three business days following receipt of a Petition or Request to Intervene, the Secretary to the Board shall transmit a written Notice of Receipt to the Petitioner or Intervenor. In the case of a Petition for Case-by-Case Determination, the Finance Board shall promptly publish a notice of receipt of Petition, including a brief summary of the issue(s) involved, in the FEDERAL REGISTER.
- (b) Transmittal of filings. The Secretary to the Board shall promptly

transmit copies of any Petition, Request to Intervene, or other filing under this subpart to the Board of Directors and all other parties to the filing.

- (c) Opportunity to cure defects. The Managing Director shall afford the Petitioner or Intervenor a reasonable opportunity to cure any failure to comply with the requirements of \$907.10.
- (d) Information request. The Managing Director may request additional information from the Petitioner or Intervenor. No later than 20 calendar days after the date of a request under this paragraph, the Petitioner shall provide to the Secretary to the Board all information requested.
- (e) Supplemental information. Upon good cause shown, the Managing Director may grant permission to a Petitioner or Intervenor to submit supplemental written information pertaining to the Petition or Request to Intervene.
- (f) Consolidation and severance—(1) Consolidation. The Managing Director may consolidate any or all matters at issue in two or more meetings on Petitions where:
- (i) There exist common parties or common questions of fact or law:
- (ii) Consolidation would expedite and simplify consideration of the issues; and
- (iii) Consolidation would not adversely affect the rights of parties engaged in otherwise separate proceedings.
- (2) Severance. The Managing Director may order any meetings and issues severed with respect to any or all parties or issues.
- (g) Notice of Board Consideration. Within 30 calendar days of receipt of a Petition deemed by the Managing Director to be in compliance with the requirements of §907.10, or, if the Petition has been the subject of a request under paragraph (d) of this section, within 30 calendar days of receipt of a response from the Petitioner deemed by the Managing Director to complete the information necessary for the Board of Directors to consider the Petition, the Managing Director, after consultation with the Board of Directors, through the Secretary to the Board, shall provide all parties with a Notice

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of Board Consideration containing the following information:

- (1) Identification of the issues accepted for consideration;
- (2) Any decision to consolidate or sever pursuant to paragraph (f) of this section;
- (3) Whether the Petition will be considered by the Board of Directors on the written record pursuant to \$907.13(a)(1), or at a meeting pursuant to \$907.13(a)(2); and
- (4) If the Petition will be considered by the Board of Directors at a meeting:
- (i) The date, time and place of the meeting; and
- (ii) A decision as to any Request to Appear filed pursuant to §§ 907.10(d) or 907.11(a)(4).

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§ 907.13 Consideration and Final Decisions.

- (a) Consideration by Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may consider a Petition and render a decision:
- (1) Solely on the basis of the written record; or
- (2) At a regularly scheduled meeting or a meeting convened specifically for the purpose of considering the Petition. Consideration of a Petition at a meeting shall be governed by the procedures described in §907.14.
- (b) Final Decision. The Board of Directors shall render a Final Decision on the issue(s) presented in a Petition or Request to Intervene that has been accepted for consideration, based upon consideration of the entire record of the proceeding. The terms and conditions of the Final Decision shall bind the parties as to any issue(s) presented in the Petition or Request to Intervene and decided by the Board of Directors. The decision of the Board of Directors is a final decision for purposes of obtaining judicial review or as otherwise provided by law.
- (c) Time periods. Subject to extension by such additional time as may reasonably be required, the Board of Directors shall render a Final Decision within 120 calendar days of the date the Petition is received in a form deemed by the Managing Director to be in compliance with the requirements of \$907.10 or, if the Petition has been the subject

of a request under \$907.12(d), within 120 calendar days of receipt of a response from the Petitioner deemed by the Managing Director to complete the information necessary for the Board of Directors to consider the Petition.

(d) Transmittal of Final Decision. The Secretary to the Board shall transmit the Final Decision of the Board of Directors to all parties to the submission.

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§ 907.14 Meetings of the Board of Directors to consider Petitions.

- (a) Full and fair opportunity to be heard. Any meeting of the Board of Directors to consider a Petition shall be conducted in a manner that provides the parties a full and fair opportunity to be heard on the issues accepted for consideration. Any such meeting shall be conducted so as to permit an expeditious presentation of such issues.
- (b) Participation in meeting. (1) The presence of a quorum of the Board if Directors is required to conduct a meeting under this section. Members of the Board of Directors are deemed present if they appear in person or by telephone.
- (2) An act of the Board of Directors requires the vote of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors voting at a meeting at which a quorum of the Board of Directors is present.
- (3) A Final Decision may be reached by a vote of the Board of Directors after the meeting at which the Petition has been considered. Only those members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting at which the Petition was considered may vote on issues presented in the Petition and accepted for consideration. A vote of the majority of the members of the Board of Directors eligible to vote and voting shall be an act of the Board of Directors.
- (c) Chairperson—(1) Presiding officer. The Chairperson, or a member of the Board of Directors designated by the Chairperson, shall preside over a meeting of the Board of Directors convened under this section.
- (2) Authority of the Chairperson. The Chairperson shall have all powers and discretion necessary to conduct the